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# The Utah Statesman

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## ABC pollster takes on 2012 election

BY KATRIEL WILKES  
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USU hosted Gary Langer, president of Langer Research Associates, at USU's second university-wide Common Hour on Wednesday.

Around 300 students came to hear the ABC News pollster speak about the country's trending polls. This time of year, Langer said his job revolves around election polls.

Langer explained the process of gathering data and turning it into intelligence.

"Each time we produce a product, we have one time to get right," he said.

Langer said this is especially important in survey research. The perception people receive from his results can be easily misinterpreted. He said on the other hand, data can add substance to an individual's conversation.

"Running with data is like running with scissors," he said. "Polls can't be boiled down to a single number."

Langer said ultimately it quantifies the position of someone, but polling is methodology that can be seriously misused.

He said results of a survey can be modified and skewed to fit the results of the surveyors wants. Students especially need to be weary of robo polls and opt-in online surveys, and Langer suggested students look for validated, replicated intelligence.



**ABC POLLSTER GARY LANGER** spoke during Common Hour on Wednesday afternoon. He said students need to look for solid sources of information, because many election polls are misleading. *MICKELLE YEATES photo*

Langer showed the audience a map from the 2008 presidential election popular vote. He then showed the same map that had been skewed. The map was popular vote according to county rather than states, and the area of the county

reflected population rather than geography. The result was that some highly populated but geographically small counties were extremely large.

Langer pointed out the difference in data between the two maps. The first one was mostly

red, and could give someone the wrong idea about which party won the election. The second map gave accurate data about the results of the presidential race, but it no longer looked like the U.S.

Langer said the economy is the number one

factor in the presidential election this year.

"When people are discontent economically, they act on it politically," Langer said.

Langer said since the economy has not improved a significant

amount and unemployment is higher than it was when President Obama first took office, Mitt Romney has a chance.

Langer said unfortunately for Romney the economic discontent has

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## Most college students don't vote in presidential elections

BY JANESEA ZEEMAN  
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In 2008, 10 percent of the USU student body voted in the presidential election, according to the Student Involvement and

Leadership Office.

Michael Lyons a professor of political science department, said the political negligence can be summed up to laziness. He said many students think they're participating in politics by voting, when

in actuality they're not politically informed.

"Stop worrying about flying the flag," Lyons said. "It's lazy patriotism, and our country deserves more than that. Our country deserves young people committed

to following through on the one responsibility as citizens that matters the most."

Lyons said responsibility is informed voting.

Informed voting is more difficult for some Aggies than others. Hanah Johnson, a junior majoring parks and recreation, said she doesn't have access to TV, so in order to become informed she must go online and search out the information. Between school and work, there's little time for her to read the news.

Johnson said she believe college students need to be politically aware and active because many of the decisions being made will directly affect them.

"It benefits us because there could be something that the candidate wants to change that has a direct impact for our generation," she said.

Daniel Davis, an undecided freshman, said the contention in politics drives him away.

"It doesn't solve problems," Davis said. "It just starts more problems."

Davis said he would be more inclined to listen to politics if he knew how political action and change would affect him personally.

"What really influences me and how, politically, that's going to influence my life, and that's all I think about, and honestly, that's all I care about," he said.

Davis said many students feel their vote is insignificant.

"People have the mindset that 'My vote won't count,'" he said.

Despite this, he said he recog-

nizes the importance of voting.

"We need to vote because this is our country and we need the person that best represents you," he said.

Johnson said voting is a right, and without exercising this right, we are not in the position to complain about the result. She said when students are participating in the political arena, they show a sense of responsibility as citizens by making sure we are informed voters.

Lyons said the lack of political interest in his generation is a nationwide trend. He said the bulk of voters are not 18-25 years olds, even though legislation influences them.

According to Lyons, roughly half the turnout rate for voters is between the ages of 55 and 75.

"A lot of evidence suggests that aside from politicians focusing on older generations, young voters are not exposed to enough alternative political ideas, resulting in a one-sided knowledge base," Lyons said.

Lyons said in a dominantly Republican culture, such as in Utah, the tendency to make politics less controversial and contentious results in a small variety of ideas students would be exposed to on the political plain.

"Young people don't necessarily have much access to a full marketplace of political ideas where they hear credible and effective spokesman articulate liberal or Democratic viewpoints on issues,"

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**DURING THE LAST** presidential election only 10 percent of students on campus voted. *MICKELLE YEATES photo illustration*



# Muslim club aims to dispel stereotypes

BY SARA MCQUIVEY  
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In order to dispel false views of the Prophet Muhammad, USU's Saudi Student Association and Muslim Student Association collaborated in organizing a panel to students with information on Islam Tuesday night.

Saudi Club President Ammar Nasser said the reason the panel was organized was to fight against false stereotypes about Islam and the Prophet Muhammad.

"Before you say anything, you have to search," he said in reference to

false information about the Prophet Muhammad.

The panel began with Ali Al-Shakhs, a USU student and member of the Saudi Student Association, giving a short biography of Muhammad, which covered the Prophet's life from his childhood to his death as the prophet.

Imam of the Salt Lake City Mosque, Anwar Arafat, then gave a presentation of the basics of Islam and how Muhammad influenced the religion.

Arafat said the Prophet Muhammad didn't bring any message that was really new.

"The message is very simple," Arafat

said. "His message was to worship the Creator, and not the creation. That's the same message that Abraham came with. That's the same message that all the prophets came with. Even Jesus, peace be upon him, as well."

Arafat listed some important inventions that have become integrated into Western society that were originally discovered by Muslims.

"Shampoo is Muslim invention, and it was invented mainly because Islam commands cleanliness," Arafat said. "In fact, the Prophet himself states that cleanliness is a half of your faith. It's physical and it's spiritual."

Arafat said the belief that Muslims abuse and repress women is false.

"The mother has a bigger role than the father," he said. "A man comes up to the Prophet and he says, 'Oh messenger of God, tell me, who is the most important person for me to befriend, for me to have a relationship with?' The Prophet said, 'Your mother.'"

Arafat said Muhammad taught paradise is found through the mothers because they bring up children.

"Yet unfortunately, the stereotype is

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## College 'shopping sheet' provides cost benchmarks for students

BY RENEE SCHOOFF  
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WASHINGTON — When excited students tear into college acceptance packets next spring, many will find something new inside: information that tries to make it easier to understand the costs.

The federal government and more than 300 colleges and universities want to make sure students "know before they owe" what could be bills for thousands of dollars awaiting them down the road.

That's what Richard Cordray, the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, said this summer when his office introduced its college costs "shopping sheet."

"Students need to know how much their loans are ultimately going to cost, when all the interest and fees and other costs are factored into the equation," he said.

The push by Cordray's agency and the Department of Education for clearer college-cost information comes as tuition and student debt have been rising and household income has been falling. With 7,000 schools across the country using different forms to show costs, scholarships and loans, it can be hard to compare.

It's also all too easy for many high-school students to glide over what loan repayments could mean later. The default rate might be evidence of that. In the past three years, it's climbed to 13.4 percent.

Student loans are in default when a borrower with a monthly payment is delinquent for 270 days. The consequences are serious, and can include garnisheed wages, collection agency costs and many years of a bad

**Richard Cordray**  
Financial Protection Bureau

*"Students need to know how much their loans are ultimately going to cost."*

credit rating.

"Too often, students are left without a clear explanation of what the costs mean or how they compare to other colleges they are considering, and as a result, many students leave college with debt that they didn't fully understand at the time they entered school," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said last week in a blog post.

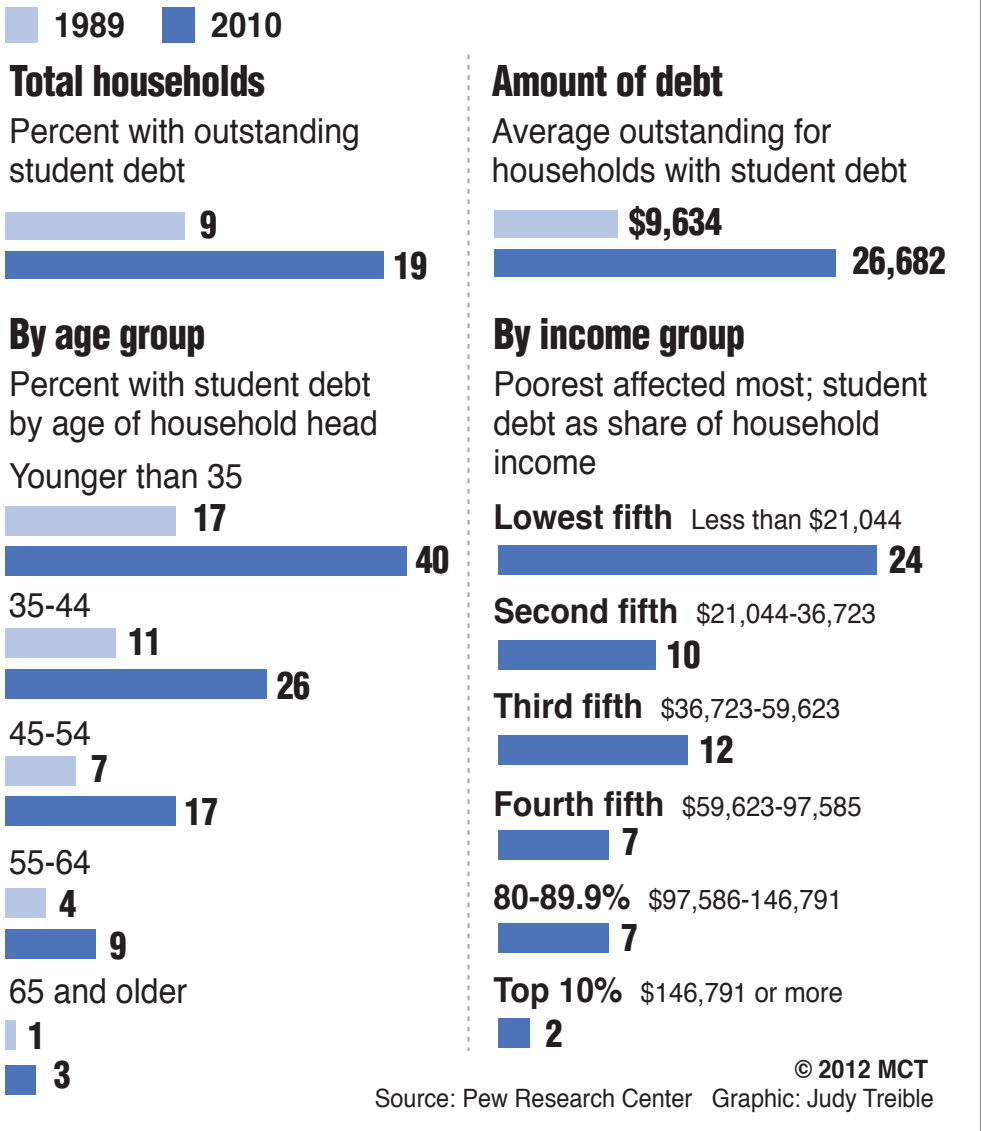
Duncan wrote to all the nation's college and university presidents in July, asking them to use the college shopping sheet. Two months later, 316 schools representing 10 percent of the nation's undergraduates agreed to do so.

They include the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the University of Texas system and the University of Phoenix online schools. Lynda George, the director of student financial aid at the University of Kentucky, said clearer information would be better for students and families, and better public relations

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### Growth of student loan debt

About one in five U.S. households owe student debt, almost double what it was 21 years ago. How the problem has grown:



## DATA: Speaker tells students to be wary of political polls

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eased a bit since 2010, according to his polls. People believe the current president is more empathic to middle class America.

"What does this all means, I don't know," Langer said.

He pointed out that polls still cannot answer the real question on everyone's mind: Who will be the winner of the presidential election?

"Stop and evaluate data," Langer said. "Whatever career you pursue beyond

this university, you will encounter it."

Luke Ensign, Arts and Lectures director on the Student Tradition and Activities Board, said he was happy with the turnout to the event.

"It was a little more niche, so it targeted less students," Ensign said. "But I think the subject matter was very pertinent to what's going on in the country."

Ensign said he hopes to increase the attendance of Common Hour. He said he's learned from the last two events, and the board plans to do more to get

the word out.

"We need to do a better job advertising, and we have already made plans to change that," Ensign said.

Anna Harris, a senior in political science, said this was her first time attending the Common Hour event. She was drawn to the event after reading the Langer's bio in the email sent at the student body.

"It was definitely in my interest to attend," Harris said.

Jeris Kendall is currently working

on his master's degree in political science. He is in a research design class and recently worked on a project where involving polling.

"I wanted to see what was available in field," Kendall said. "There's a more to it than I thought, so it was cool."

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### Town hall, dorm style



**DURING A TOWN HALL MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT,** students and faculty discuss what can be done to improve living situations in Central Campus. Those attending also included an IT representative, housing director and campus police officer. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

### VOTE: Students don't make up majority at polls

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he said. "They mostly hear one side."

Lyons said he puts some of the responsibility on the public education system. He said students taught through the Utah public school system are not adequately taught about government, so they don't think they are directly affected by the issues addressed in politics and they don't follow current events regularly.

"People are politicized when they perceive that things affect them directly," he said.

Lyons said students feel unaffected by politics.

"One of the main things that drives them away from politics is how contentious politics is," he said. "You can't want to have a democracy and yet want to avoid contention, but that's what many young people do seem to want."

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# ISLAM: Saudi, Muslim student associations join forces

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that Muslims don't care for their women, that they don't care for their mothers or their wives," he said.

Arafat said the Prophet Muhammad told the people the best follower was the one who was the best to his wife. When he saw a man abusing his wife, the Prophet said, "Whoever does this is not from amongst us."

Arafat said the abuse of women is more prevalent Western societies than in any Middle Eastern society.

"Unfortunately when you go and watch a movie, all you see is a Muslim wife-beater or a Muslim terrorist who's shouting," he said.

Arafat explained that in Islam, God is beyond image and form. He has no gender and no race — therefore, there can be no racism and prejudice in Islam.

Muslim Student Association president Mayran Muhammad said the purpose of the panel was to show how the Prophet Muhammad not only influenced culture and religion within the Arabian Peninsula, but how he influenced society across the world. She said the purpose of the Muslim Student Association is not only to unite Muslims at Utah State, but to do charity work and promote Islam and its principles to other students around campus.

"There's a lot of negative stigmas throughout the media and we just want to clear up the air and let everybody know that's not who we really are," Muhammad

## Muslims in the U.S.

*Selected results of a recent survey of U.S. Muslims:*

### Who they are

**2.75 million** Muslims currently live in the U.S.

**63%** are immigrants

**41%** immigrated from the Middle East or North Africa

**26%** came from South Asian nations

**45%** have arrived since 1990

**37%** were born in the U.S.

**81%** are U.S. citizens

Source: Pew Research Center survey of 1,033 Muslims, April 14-July 22, 2011; margin of error: +/-5 percentage points  
Graphic: Matt Moody, Los Angeles Times

### How they feel

***Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?***

	U.S. Muslims	General public
Satisfied	<b>56%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Dissatisfied	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>

***Are suicide bombing and other forms of violence against civilians justified to defend Islam from its enemies?***

Never	<b>81%</b>
Rarely	<b>8</b>
Often/Sometimes	<b>6</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>

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said. "We really are your classmates. We're friends."

Nasser said the Saudi Student Association is focused more around the culture and people of Saudi Arabia while the Muslim Student Association focuses on the Islamic religion. However, both clubs share a common goal in promoting the truth about Islam and Muslims.

Ginger Udy, a non-Muslim student at USU, said being involved with Muslims on campus has been an uplifting and enlightening experience.

"Being friends with them and learning about their culture and their religion has really helped enrich my life and I'm very grateful for their friendship," she said.

# MONEY: Federal government teaches students about costs

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for the university.

"We hope that the more they are aware of what they're borrowing, they'll think about how to pay it back later," she said. "But I don't know that telling them upfront is going to impact whether or not they default in the end."

The form's "know before you owe" benefits are limited. It doesn't give a customized estimate. Instead, it shows median borrowing — how much a typical student at the school borrows for an undergraduate education and the approximate monthly payments over 10 years. Students generally don't pay back loans while they're in school, but start six

months after graduating or after they cut back credits to less than half time. The size of repayments depends on the amount the student has borrowed and interest rates.

The form has a link to a government website about repayment plans, where students can find a calculator to get an estimate of monthly payments. The form also shows tuition and all other college costs, and any scholarships a student receives. The remaining net cost is what a student must pay with savings, work or loans. The percentage of students at that particular school who graduate in six years and the percentage of loan borrowers there who default will be included. Schools can choose to use the shopping

sheet or not, except in the cases of veterans and members of the armed services who are seeking admission. President Barack Obama signed an executive order last spring that included provisions requiring schools to make the form available to them.

Lauren Asher, the president of The Institute for College Access and Success, a nonprofit group that advocates for more affordable college education, said the shopping sheet was an important step toward clearer information about the net price of college.

"It's a way to allow for an apples-to-apples comparison for financial aid offers, which can be difficult because schools are not currently required to provide all this

# Graduate Studies announces event speakers

BY USU MEDIA RELATIONS

USU's Office of Research and Graduate Studies released a schedule of speakers and performers for its Nov. 7 TEDxUSU conference. The event, designed to introduce "ideas worth spreading," will feature impactful research and performances. Presenters will represent USU faculty, students, alumni and friends.

"TEDxUSU is a perfect fit for Utah State," said Mark McLellan, vice president for research and dean of the School of Graduate Studies at USU.

Upon USU students' request, world slam poetry champion Buddy Wakefield was invited to campus to kick-off the conference with his presentation. Wakefield has been featured on NPR, BBC, HBO's Def Poetry Jam and most recently signed to Ani DiFranco's Righteous Babe Records.

In 2004, Wakefield won the Individual World Poetry Slam finals. He then successfully defended that title at the International Poetry Festival in Rotterdam, Netherlands, against the national champions of seven European countries.

USU alum and Rhodes Scholar Jim Butcher will talk about the relationship among the environment, economics and civic change. From his early days growing up in Montana, to pursuing civil engineering during his undergrad studies at USU and now working across corporate, government and NGO sectors, he has been passionate about how to integrate environmental issues into today's organizations.

Butcher has led projects with companies and government such as Intel, Kodak, Morgan Stanley and the Clinton Administration White House, among many others. His work has helped them perceive the future and develop

strategies to better navigate the future. As CEO of Entegra Partners, he has continued to work with various organizations on innovative environmental and civic strategies.

Joining Wakefield and Butcher are USU researchers Karl White and Ronda Callister.

White is a psychology professor at USU and the founding director of the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management. His team was instrumental in establishing universal newborn hearing screening in the United States and has subsequently worked with more than 30 countries to establish early hearing detection and intervention programs. He will discuss how such programs provide a sound foundation for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to excel.

In addition to publishing top academic journals on anger expressions in organizations and teaching courses on third party resolution, Callister has led a major campus change effort as the principal investigator on a \$3 million NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant. Her presentation during the TEDx event will provide insights about gender issues and careers.

The TEDxUSU conference will conclude with a presentation by Douglas K. Lemon, president of the USU Research Foundation. Lemon will take viewers through some of the mysteries of the universe uncovered by WISE, a highly sensitive astronomical telescope designed and built by USURF's Space Dynamics Laboratory for NASA, that surveyed the entire sky while orbiting the Earth.

With over 31 years of experience, Lemon has led the development of next-generation, high technology solutions for clients in space, aerospace,



intelligence, national defense and homeland security. His technical and programmatic work has focused on advanced methods and applications of satellite and aerial image processing, ultrasonic measurements, and other advanced electronic systems.

"Our researchers have a wealth of experience that they are excited to share with the community," said McLellan. "They have established themselves in their respective fields, which is evidenced by the transformative impact of their top-notch research that they have conducted over the years."

Scott Bates, associate vice president for graduate and undergraduate research at USU, chairs the TEDxUSU organizing committee.

"All our USU researchers have their eye on the future as they conduct their current work," Bates said. "These presentations will differ from what we've seen from their academic presentations in the past, because they have been encouraged to take a few intuitive leaps down the road in speculating about the future of their fields."

USU undergraduate Taylor Halversen will represent the student community in speaking on how students contribute to the conversations, activities and accomplishments at university campuses. Majoring in communications studies, Halversen recently started her third year at USU and has worked with history professor Norm Jones on the Lumina Foundation/Business

Innovation Factory project.

There will be two performances as part of the conference, both coming from the Caine College of the Arts: the Fry Street Quartet and photographer Christopher Gauthier. Members of the Fry Street Quartet will perform work by Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály, while Gauthier will present Evidence and Artifacts: Facing Autism, a portrait project addressing the rising prevalence of autism spectrum disorders in the United States.

Since TEDxUSU has a limited license from the TED organization, only 100 seats are allowed at the live event, with an additional estimated 250 seats at simulcast overflow rooms.

Thirty seats will be reserved for special attendees, and the remaining seats will be released by lottery. Seats at the live event will be split equally between randomly selected USU faculty and students, and seats in the overflow rooms will be randomly drawn from the entire lottery pool.

People wishing to be considered for the ticket lottery must visit the TEDxUSU website to fill out the online form, which will go live Monday, Oct. 15, at 8 a.m. and remain up until that Friday, Oct. 19. Duplicate entries will be deleted, and ticket holders will be selected and notified via email on Oct. 24.

More information about the speakers, registration and event can be found on the website, Facebook page and Twitter hashtag (#tedxusu).

# Briefs

Campus & Community

## Kiger Hour will explore visual art

David Wall, assistant professor of visual and media studies at Utah State University, will discuss a new approach to viewing images in art at the next Kiger Hour Oct. 18. His talk, "How Art Means," explores representation through the lens of asking how it means, rather than what it means.

Wall studies representation across the fields of art, film and visual culture and has published widely on subjects including 19th century art, stereotypes in advertising, antebellum architecture and contemporary African American art. His current research examines post-imperial tensions and anxieties as expressed through art, film and television comedy of the 1950s in post-World War II Britain.

Learn more about professor Wall's work at Kiger Hour, an intellectual program presented by Utah State University and sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Caine College of the Arts. The event is Thursday, Oct. 18, from 5:15 to 7 p.m. at Montez Brothers (previously Hamilton's), 2427 N. Main St., Logan.

A buffet with appetizers, desserts and soft drinks, iced tea or coffee is available. Cost is \$6.95 per person (plus tax and gratuity) and billed on an individual basis. Guests will also be able to order off the regular menu if desired. A cash bar is available.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Natalie Archibald Smoot in the college office, 435-797-2796, or email, [natalie.archibald@usu.edu](mailto:natalie.archibald@usu.edu)

## Orchestra will pair with Cache choir

USU's Symphony Orchestra joins with the Cache Children's Choir and Deborah Baker Monday to present "Capriccio Espagnol" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

"The orchestra and I are excited to perform with several guest artists and meet new audiences at the beautiful St. Thomas Aquinas Church," said Sergio Bernal, director of the USU Symphony Orchestra.

"Capriccio" will also feature Bradley Ottesen, violist in the Fry Street Quartet, performing the solo in the Vaughan Williams "Suite for Viola and Small Orchestra." Ottesen spent four seasons with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra as assistant principal violist and is currently a string and chamber music faculty member at USU.

The Cache Children's Cantate and Concert Choirs will perform two movements from "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi. Cantate is the auditioned choir for children ages 10-15 and the Concert choir is non-auditioned for ages 10-12. The children's choir, directed by Sylvia Munsen, is a non-profit community music program for singers ages 3 to 16 and focuses on fostering self-esteem through artistic excellence.

Joining the USU Symphony Orchestra and Cache Children's Choir is Deborah Baker Monday, a nationally recognized teacher, composer and publisher of music for young string orchestras. Monday works with fourth through eighth graders in several schools in the Logan School District, teaching orchestra. The USU Symphony Orchestra will play a piece by Monday entitled "Synergy."

The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is located at 725 South 250 East in Hyde Park, Utah. The event is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, early arrival is recommended. For more information visit the Caine College of the Arts Box Office located in room 139-B of the Chase Fine Arts Center, call (435) 797-8022 or find information online at the college website.

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## Secretaries: directing from behind the scenes

APRIL ASHLAND  
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Marsha Hunt greets the students who walk into her office with a smile and a glowing face as she calls them by name and asks them about their classes and projects. “When do you leave for New Jersey?” she asked Brady Utley, a graduate in geology, who is headed to the East Coast to pick up a tool for a research study in Green River, and talked to him about the specifics of his trip.

Hunt is the business assistant for the Geology department, one of the many titles of a secretary at USU. Hunt said she and Jean Daddow, her staff assistant, are the ones who keep the department together by keeping the little things in order as well as organizing the big things.

“If Jean or I weren’t here for two or three days consecutively, the department would have a hard time,” she said. “Our faculty are great, our students are great, but Jean and I are in the trenches. We take care of the nuts and bolts.”

Hunt said the nuts and bolts are things like paperwork, accounting, organization and even things as seemingly small as supplying the correct toner for the correct printers.

“Jean has a book with how much toner and what kind everyone needs, and she keeps track of it,” Hunt said. “For example, if someone needs yellow toner and doesn’t have it, they’re screwed. So we do things like that.”

Hunt also takes care of the employee forms when the department hires new people and organizes when companies come in to interview students. She helps the students and teachers stay organized.

Hunt and Daddow also do some of the larger things, such as making some of the decisions about how the office and department are run. Hunt said the two reorganized how the main office is laid out after theft of rocks in 2011 and opened up different areas for graduate and undergradu-

ate students.

Hunt said life in the office and the department is always busy, and there is no such thing as downtime in the geology department.

Hunt said after the spring semester ends and many of the students leave, the department has field camp where the graduate students host and the faculty teach modules. It’s always “up time” in her eyes.

“Students come back from the summer in August and they ask if we’ve had a quiet break without the students here,” Hunt said. “And I always tell them, ‘You’re crazy.’ There is no quiet here.”

Hunt said Daddow does most of the traveling with the geology field trips and does more travel in six weeks than anyone from any other department.

Hunt said each of the geology classes has field trips, from visiting Green Canyon to Jackson Hole, Wyo, and she and Daddow do the paperwork for all of it. She said the two have to work as a team.

“It becomes a real collaboration with me and Jean,” she said. “If I don’t give her a bill, she can hold onto paperwork for weeks.”

Hunt said she knows the students who come into her office, but she also strives to be sure the faculty and staff are happy and to help them do their best.

“The other day, Jim came in and he sat in that chair and just breathed,” she said. “I said, ‘Hard morning?’ It had been a very difficult morning.”

But Hunt said she, as well as the faculty, are really at USU doing their job for the students, a philosophy staff assistant Carolyn Brittain agrees with.

“The students are the best part of my job, and I like the several hundred I work with,” Brittain said. “A couple years ago, I had one freshman boy who came in every day for three weeks to ask where buildings on campus were.”

Brittain said she does all manner of

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**MARSHA HUNT, THE BUSINESS ASSISTANT** for the geology department, said she and her staff take care of the nuts and bolts of the department like paperwork, accounting and supplying toner. *DELAINE LOCKE photo*

## A nice day for an undead wedding

BY KYLE HEYWOOD  
staff writer

Romances can start anywhere — even while chasing after someone and trying to turn them into a zombie.

Todd Hicken met his wife Kayli after playing a game of Humans vs. Zombies in the fall 2011. They were engaged the following spring at the conclusion of another Humans vs. Zombies week, and a short version of the game was included at their wedding reception this summer.

According to [humansvszombies.org](http://humansvszombies.org), “Humans vs. Zombies is a game of tag. All players begin as humans, and one is randomly chosen to be the ‘Original Zombie.’”

Humans can defend themselves by running away or “stunning” a zombie by shooting them with a Nerf dart or hitting them with a homemade sock grenade. Buildings are “safe zones” where the game does not take place. The game is popular across the world but especially on college campuses, according to [humansvszombies.org](http://humansvszombies.org).

After enjoying the game for a week on USU campus, Todd was discussing the results of the game on the Humans vs. Zombies Facebook page. Kayli was also commenting on the page, and the two decided to start hanging out.

Todd and Kayli soon became close friends, and the relationship eventually developed into much more. The couple dated during the winter and into the spring.

In March 2012, Humans vs. Zombies began again on the USU campus. This time, Kayli started as a human and Todd started as a Zombie.

“I was a zombie from the start so it was different to be playing against Kayli,” Todd said. “But we set up meeting times in safe zones where we could see each other plenty.”

Todd said he was asked several times by other zombies for information on Kayli so they could tag her and make her join the zombie team.

“They wanted me to give them her class schedule and tell them where she would be,” Todd said. “I wasn’t about to sabotage my own girlfriend, especially when I was planning a very special ending to the game for both of us.”

At the end of the week when the game was over, the players all gathered for some closing remarks by the game’s organizers. Todd got up in front of the crowd and began thanking people for participating in the game. Then Todd turned his attention to Kayli.

“The person I really need to thank is my girlfriend,” Todd said, pulling her up in front of the crowd with him. He then asked Kayli to marry him



**KAYLIA AND TODD HICKEN** met through “Humans versus Zombies” and used the game for their wedding theme. *SAMANTHA BEHL photo*

right in front of hundreds of zombies and surviving humans.

The crowd responded by cheering, yelling and even shooting darts into the air with their blasters.

Over the summer, Todd and Kayli Hicken were married. At their reception, Todd organized a small version of the game for guests to play. The reception took place at the Logan LDS Institute of Religion but because of the limited space available, the game was played in the cultural hall and kitchen.

“Our families had mixed feelings about having Humans vs. Zombies be a part of our engagement and reception,” Todd said. “But in the end, they really just wanted us to be happy and knew it was a big part of our relationship and that it was important to us.”

Many of Todd and Kayli’s friends and family played the game during their wedding reception, allowing the guests a glimpse into the game that started the Hicken’s relationship.

“To have a cookie-cutter wedding would be so boring and forgettable,” Kayli said. “I love how unique Todd was and how we put Humans vs. Zombies into our reception.”

The couple continue to play Humans vs. Zombies.

“We plan on playing HvZ for a while,” Todd said. “We really enjoy it, and it’s a big part of our relationship.”



**GEORGIA KOSMALA, A SENIOR MAJORING** in biology, holds a snake in a herpetology lab. She is studying at USU as part of the Brazil Science Without Borders program. *Photo courtesy of Georgia Kosmala*

## Science without borders

*Program brings science students to USU from Brazil*

BY KATELIN CHRISTENSEN  
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Breitner Marczewski, Fabricio Nogueira, Jardel Cocconi and Georgia Kosmala came to USU through Brazil Science Without Borders, a program sponsored by the Brazilian government, allowing students to study at an American university for either a semester or a year.

“We just received our first group of four students, but we might be receiving more for spring semester,” said Carlos Munoz, coordinator of International Student Recruitment. “This is a brand-new program.”

Munoz said the program allows students to experience culture and education in another country.

“When you come from a different country, you have a different view on how things are approached,” he said. “I think if kids come here and see the different approach on science, they can go home and apply it.”

Munoz said the program also benefits the university culturally and economically.

“It helps President Albrecht and the university to continue with internationalization

of campus and curriculum,” he said.

Munoz said while the program is beneficial, the selection process isn’t easy.

“Not everyone who applies is selected,” he said.

Munoz said once the students arrive, they are treated and act like any student.

“Just like any student here, they already have picked a bachelor’s degree,” Munoz said.

Breitner Marczewski, a senior majoring in renewable energy, is a Brazilian student who came to USU through the Science Without Borders program. Marczewski said he applied for the program because he wanted to get a cultural as well as academic education.

“I have always dreamed to study abroad because it can expand your mind for the problems and solutions over the world,” Marczewski said.

Although he didn’t get to choose where to go, Marczewski said he likes it in Utah.

“Here you have a beautiful nature, like the mountains and the parks,” Marczewski said. “I am learning a lot being here and I have

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# Pinching pennies: Aggie prepares for contest

BY KYLE HEYWOOD  
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Ramen Noodles. Macaroni and cheese. SPAM. When short on money, these foods can seem like a budgeting students' only hope for a full stomach. But there are tricks to beefing up a diet without breaking the bank.

Many college students have little money to spend. Nicole Masco, a junior majoring in exercise science, makes the most of her limited funds by scouring stores for coupons, sales and rewards. Masco is so efficient with her couponing and sale searching that she will be appearing on a TV show called "Cheapster."

Sponsored by Zion's Bank, "Cheapster" invites one student from 13 different universities across Utah and Idaho to compete in a competition to see who is the most creative and crazy when it comes to being frugal. The winner of the competition wins \$10,000 for their school as well as \$10,000 for themselves. CheapsterTV airs in November and will feature several episodes as the contestants go through different challenges to become the champion.

Masco shared some of her strategies as she prepares for the competition. "A coupon is worthless

unless it accompanies a sale," Masco said. "Many times a coupon is only slightly better than the regular price and is just a way to get you to buy something brand name rather than a generic brand. Usually the generic brand is still a better deal, even after a coupon."

Pinching your pennies.

com is one resource Masco uses to help her find the best deals. After selecting

**Rylar Masco**  
graduate

*"It's really nice to have someone so frugal to help us save for our future."*

your state, the site lists several stores for you to choose from. Once you select a store, deals are rated on a five-star scale, with the best deals receiving a perfect five-star rating. Additional coupons are listed and links to those coupons are provided.

"I plan my sales and then plan my meals around the sales," Masco said. "You have to be patient and wait

for sales to show up."

Buying in bulk is another way Masco said she gets the most out of her money.

"When you see a good deal, stock up if it isn't perishable," Masco said. "Buying bulk items saves you a lot in the long run. You don't take as many trips to the store which means you save time, gas and money."

According to Masco, the best items to buy in bulk include toiletries, canned goods, pasta noodles and frozen food because these items have a long shelf-life.

"I use a lot of perishable food as well," Masco said. "So it's important to keep your eyes open for when bread, milk and produce are on sale."

Masco said that a lot of good deals are on "waste items such as junk food. You don't need these items so unless you can get them for free, don't waste your money. If you haven't bought something before but it happens to be on sale, don't give in. If you haven't needed it before, you don't need it now."

Some stores offer rewards programs that allow you to redeem points for discounts on gasoline. At one point Masco redeemed points and received a full dollar off the price at the pump.

"My husband and I filled both our cars from being



**STUDENTS SAVE MONEY** by couponing. One student, Nicole Masco, is participating in the "Cheapster" competition. The winner and the winner's school each receive \$10,000. SAMANTHA BEHL photo

totally empty as well as several tanks of gas because of the great deal," Masco said. "With gas prices the way they are, it really helped our budget for that month."

"I don't have time to do the 30 hour coupon planning that they do on TV," Masco said. "If I had 30 extra hours a week, I'd just get another job to get more money." Masco said she

saves 25 percent on each shopping trip with her efficient system.

Some websites have coupons available online such as coupon.com and grocery-smarts.com. In order to print these coupons from home, you must install a program from the website. Your printer then becomes your couponing ally.

"Nicole has saved us a

ton of money," Nicole's husband and recent USU graduate Rylar Masco said.

"It's really nice to have someone so frugal to help us save for our future. She even couponed for our wedding."

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## SECRETARIES: Some students pull double duty

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tasks each day, and what she does depends on the time of year. The past couple weeks, she has been doing scheduling for spring semester classes and textbook orders. She also works on the Facebook page for the department, helps faculty with proofreading and whatever else they need.

In addition to being a secretary, Brittain is also a student.

"I have a 3.93 GPA and I'm a senior in interdisciplinary studies," Brittain said. "I really enjoy school. I think I'll do either a second bachelors or a masters."

Hunt has also received an education, although she said she is always still learning as she works for the geology department.

"I got a degree in vocal performance, but what I like about geology is the rocks," she said. "The thing that's so cool about rocks is that they're everywhere, they're the life around us, and the life before us."

Hunt has two rocks sitting on her desk, which were formerly one rock sliced in two by a student. The rock has a petrified tree in it, and she said it's one of the many ways she feels connected to the department.

Hunt does a lot of office work, but she said she does different things every day, from scheduling to managing money.

"I used to think that after being in a job for a year, you'll know everything," she said. "No, that's not the case here."

The students say Hunt and Daddow are indispensable to the department and count on them to be there. Senior Dave Richey said the two women are very helpful.

"They are the only reason we're successful around here," he said.

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## BRAZIL: Program allows foreign students the chance to attend American universities

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some ideas to bring home and try to improve my city."

Another student in the program is Jardel Cocconi, a senior majoring in environmental engineering. Cocconi said he heard about the program from someone in the international office at his school and decided to apply because of the scholarship opportunity.

"It's a good scholarship," Cocconi said. "Plus, I only got one more year of undergrad school, so I'd take it or just go with graduation next year."

Cocconi said coming to America wasn't a complete shock because he lived in Santa Barbara, Calif., for a year and a half before moving to Caxias do Sul, Brazil. However, he said coming to Utah wasn't easy for him.

"Like Brazil, cultures vary a lot from state to state," Cocconi said. "There's not much to do on weekends and there's no ocean near. I used to go surfing every weekend."

Cocconi said his family is excited about his experience at Utah State.

"They share the enthusiasm with me and tell me to

enjoy the most of it," he said.

Georgia Kosmala, a senior majoring in biology with an emphasis in biodiversity and ecology, is another of the program's students at USU.

Kosmala said she got permission to come to USU from Edmund Brodie, a biology professor, so she could work in his lab. She said she met Brodie at a congress and talked to him about studying under him after. She then applied for the program so she could be involved in the type of research he did.

"I met (Brodie) in a congress I attended, and I was

amazed by his work and research," Kosmala said. "He is such an amazing scientist and works with something I would hardly have the chance to work with in Brazil, which only made me more excited about being a part of it. Being involved in such a strong, competent and interesting group of researchers with such interesting projects is truly a great advantage in my professional curriculum."

Kosmala said USU is different from the universities in Brazil, but there are many good things here.

"In Brazil, we have a lot of

contact with the American music, movies, and somewhat of the culture, so I feel like I knew a good deal already," she said. "Also, I had some friends that lived in the US, and they told me a lot in a way of getting me prepared for life here, but every day is a learning process."

Kosmala said overall, she likes USU.

"The people here are very friendly and helpful, even more than back home," Kosmala said. "It was a nice surprise."

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# Pre-Emptive Critics

## ‘Nobody Walks’

If you’re looking for a depressing time, “Nobody Walks” is the film for you. From the trailer, it appears the beloved John Krasinski is married and is in the beginning stages of an audio project with a younger, pixie haired woman. As Krasinski’s character continues to develop feelings for the woman, his wife is getting too close with one of her patients. It’s unclear why a psychiatrist would be willing to cross that line, but she most certainly does.

I love me a good indie flick, and this looks like it won’t be an exception. But judging for the trailer and the title, I have a sneaking suspicion this won’t end well.

Krasinski’s character and his wife have a daughter, and I’m anxious to see how she handles her cheating parents.

Of course every film can’t have a happy ending. Heck, I know, just read my review on “Sinister” on this same page. It’s just saddening that a loveable actor like Krasinski could embody such a douche-baggy character. Needless to say, I will probably watch the film. I might just wait until it hits Redbox as I usually do. Or, someone could take me on a date to see it. Just throwing that out there.

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## ‘Skyfall’

James Bond movies are known for their action-packed goodness. Judging from the trailer, the latest Bond flick, “Skyfall,” will be no different. In less than three minutes, Bond (Daniel Craig) gets involved in a high speed car chase, a fight on top of a train, a steamy love scene, somehow manages to come back from the dead and is nearly crushed by another train — but, of course, he survives.

Bond’s relationship with M, played by Judi Dench, appears to be stretched as we come to find out more about her past. The trailer also reveals MI6 will come under attack and Daniel Craig will have to come and save the day, as he usually does.

Javier Bardem joins Dench and Craig as the villain of the film, Raoul Silva. The director, Sam Mendes, revealed Silva is going to be closely connected to Bond, which increases the suspense.

If Daniel Craig isn’t enough eye-candy for you — he certainly is enough for me — joining him on the big screen is the latest Bond girl, Naomie Harris. Remember her from Pirates of the Caribbean? She played Calypso. Harris is playing the part of Eve, a field agent who doesn’t have a last name. It adds to the drama.

I am shaken, not stirred, over the trailer of “Skyfall” and I am now super excited for October 23 when the movie will be released. Here’s an interesting fact: “Skyfall” commemorates the 50th anniversary of the release of “Dr. No,” which was the first ever James Bond movie. Let’s also not forget Adele is singing the title song. From what I’ve seen, read and heard, “Skyfall” could be the best 007 movie yet.

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## ‘Breaking Dawn Part 2’

Here comes the big moment we have all been anxiously awaiting, the next installment in the Twilight Series, Breaking Dawn: Part 2. After the four previous installments, loaded with armrest gripping action, a never-meant-to-be romance worthy of Romeo and Juliet, and the oh-so-versatile acting skills of the beautiful Kristen Stewart, how can I not be excited? Right?

Wrong. Let’s be honest, the best action in the series so far was a piggyback ride through the forest, but that ended with Edward flashing his glitter and sparkles. I guess Bella was impressed, but I for one, was not. I also see a wider range of emotion in my sister’s pet guinea pig than I do in Stewart’s acting as Bella Swan. “I’ve never felt more alive,” said Bella in the trailer. Well, she might be feeling it, but I don’t think we’ll be seeing it.

In Breaking Dawn: Part 2, Bella is now a full-fledged vampire, complete with super-speed, strength, and even sparkles. The Volturi are coming after her daughter, Renesmee, and the Cullens and several other clans unite to defend her, many with special abilities. It even looks like Jacob and his fluffy friends are joining in the fray on Bella and the Cullens’ side. Now that Edward can stop fretting about Bella all the time, it should at least be interesting to see if he can transition as a character.

“I’ve had a bad habit of underestimating you,” said Edward in the trailer for this installment of Twilight. That may be true for him, but although Bella’s now vamped up, Stewart’s acting skills remain the same, and I don’t foresee the conclusion to the saga being any better than the first four installments.

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The pre-emptive critics write knee-jerk analyses of upcoming films based solely on hearsay, advance publicity and — most importantly — movie trailers. They have not yet seen the movies.

# ‘Sinister’ stays true to its name

Natasha Bodily

“Sinister”

Grade: C+

Film Review

As soon as the trailers started rolling, I knew I had made a terrible mistake. Scary movies are not my forte, so I knew it would be a long hour and a half.

“Sinister” lives up to its name and provided a good dose of anxiety for this incredibly jumpy columnist with a mix of reality and the

supernatural.

Ellison Oswalt, played by Ethan Hawke, gave a solid performance. The movie begins as Oswalt and his family start unpacking boxes in their temporary home. We soon learn the move is inspired by a book Oswalt, a famous author, is working on, but it’s not the first time he has uprooted his family causing the kids alienation at school and abandonment from their father.

Ten years back, his best seller “Kentucky Blood” put him on the map, and apparently helped to solve a heinous crime mystery.

It turns out the family has moved into the

home of a murdered family — hanged in their own back yard.

Good plan, buddy.

Oswalt doesn’t tell his wife because she said doesn’t want to know, but the kids find out quickly from school gossip and, oh you know, just a handful of soul sucked children wandering around the house.

On the first day of the move, Oswalt finds a box full of old film reels in the attic and later discovers the same attic had been empty in crime scene photos.

“Why come back?,” Oswalt wrote on a sticky note — because apparently writing questions in all caps

**‘SINISTER’ IS A HORROR FILM** about a famous author and his family who move into a haunted home. *Stock photo*

and plastering them on a cork board is the best way to start an investigation.

As the whiskey-loving writer continues to watch the sinister acts committed toward different families, he picks up on the trend that

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“It becomes apparent pretty early that there is not going to be a happy ending for this family.”

the youngest family member always goes missing and is not seen in the horrific home videos. The bodies are never found.

He also finds a recurring symbol which, with further research, is revealed to belong to a cult that steals young children, eats them, and then lives longer as a result of devouring the youthful souls.

A creepy ugly murderer guy — Mr. Boogie — shows up in all the home videos and inevitably back in the Oswalt family’s backyard.

As the young son Trevor continually has night terrors, the mom finally says, “We can pack up and get out of here.” But no, we can’t use logic and avoid having one of our kids become a soulless monster because this could be the next Kentucky Blood, and I’ll get back on Jon Stewart.

Really, bro?

As Oswalt continues to have a party in his liver, more and more strange events occur, from unexplained noises to a big growling dog and of course, the frequent appearance of soul sucked kids from the previous murders.

It becomes apparent pretty early there is not going to be a happy ending for this family, but by the time we get to this point, everyone is already pretty sick of the self-absorbed alcoholic father, his enabling wife and the night-terrered son.

The film was interesting. It had a decent plot and solid acting, but I wouldn’t recommend it — mainly because as I’m typing this review in my iPhone notes in the movie theater parking lot I feel like I could throw up. By the end, I was wishing Oswalt would pass me a flask so I could just forget this whole thing.

Regardless of my pansy-ness, this was a good film, and for horror lovers of the world, it was fairly smart. I’m giving it a C+ and I’m going to give myself a Xanax.

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### Aggie Schedules

#### Football

**SATURDAY, Oct. 20**  
USU vs. New Mexico State,  
1 p.m., Romney Stadium

#### Soccer

**FRIDAY, Oct. 19**  
USU vs. San Jose State, 2 p.m.,  
Bell Field

#### Volleyball

**THURSDAY, Oct. 18**  
USU at Idaho, 8 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, Oct. 20**  
USU at Seattle, 8 p.m.

#### Baseball

**SATURDAY, Oct. 20**  
Utah State vs. Weber State,  
noon, Providence Field  
Utah State vs. Weber State,  
2:30 p.m., Providence Field

#### Hockey

**THURSDAY, Oct. 18**  
USU vs. Arizona State, 7 p.m.,  
Eccles Ice Center  
**FRIDAY, Oct. 19**  
USU vs. Arizona State, 7 p.m.,  
Eccles Ice Center

#### Mountain Biking

**Oct. 19-21**  
Collegiate National  
Championships, Angel Fire,  
N.M.

## NCAA Schedule

### Football

**THURSDAY, Oct. 18**  
No. 3 Oregon  
at Arizona State, 7 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, Oct. 20**  
San Jose State at UTSA, 2 p.m.  
Idaho at La. Tech, 5 p.m.  
Utah at  
No. 8 Ore. State, 8:30 p.m.  
Brigham Young at  
No. 5 Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m.  
No. 6 LSU at  
No. 18 Texas A&M 10 a.m.  
No. 7 South Carolina at  
No. 2 Florida, 1:30 p.m.  
No. 17 Texas Tech at  
No. 23 TCU, 1:30 p.m.  
No. 4 Kansas State at  
No. 13 W. Virginia 5 p.m.

## WAC Standings

### Football

	CONF	OVERALL
UTSA	1-0	5-1
Utah State	1-0	5-2
Texas State	1-0	3-3
Idaho	1-1	1-6
Louisiana Tech	0-0	5-1
San Jose State	0-1	4-2
New Mexico State	0-2	1-5

## AP Top 25

### Football

	RECORD	PTS	PVS
1 Alabama (60)	6-0	1500	1
2 Oregon	6-0	1436	2
3 Florida	6-0	1361	4
4 Kansas State	6-0	1296	6
5 Notre Dame	6-0	1283	7
6 LSU	6-1	1153	9
7 Ohio State	7-0	1071	8
8 Oregon State	5-0	1050	10
9 S. Carolina	6-1	1042	3
10 Oklahoma	4-1	994	13
11 USC	5-1	874	11
12 Florida State	6-1	836	12
13 Georgia	5-1	753	14
14 Clemson	5-1	673	16
15 Miss. State	6-0	591	19
16 Louisville	6-0	574	18
17 W. Virginia	5-1	552	5
18 Texas Tech	5-1	444	NR
19 Rutgers	6-0	405	20
20 Texas A&M	5-1	379	22
21 Cincinnati	5-0	294	21
22 Stanford	4-2	242	17
23 Michigan	4-2	177	25
24 Boise State	5-1	133	24
25 Ohio	7-0	104	NR

**Dropped from rankings:**  
Texas 15, Louisiana Tech 23

**Others receiving votes:**  
Arizona State 92, TCU 88,  
Louisiana Tech 38, Texas 25, North  
Carolina State 11,  
Northwestern 6, Washington 6, Wis-  
consin 6, Nebraska 4,  
North Carolina 2, Tulsa 2,  
Penn State 1, Arizona 1

## FOOTBALL

# All-Aggie affair: *USU takes on the Aggies from New Mexico State*

BY TAVIN STUCKI  
sports editor

There should be no surprise to Utah State fans which team will win Saturday's Aggie bowl. USU will kick off against the New Mexico State Aggies at 2 p.m. in Romney Stadium for a Western Athletic Conference matchup that could have bowl game implications. Utah State needs one more win to become bowl eligible and enters the game fresh off a decisive 49-27 victory over San Jose State, in what was supposed to be a down-to-the-wire game. It was Utah State's highest scoring game this season. "They were 4-1 walking into that game," said Utah State head coach Gary Andersen. "They played Stanford right down to the wire so we knew what we were getting ourselves into. Especially with the last couple of years, our games against San Jose State have been very tightly contested. I thought our kids handled the trip well, I thought they prepared very well during the week, especially after a tough loss to BYU."

Last week, the Aggie defense racked up a school-record 13 sacks against the Spartans. Against the red-clad Aggies to the South, USU should have no trouble limiting the options of NMSU sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley. Manley averages more than 270 passing yards per game, but has been under center in each of New Mexico State's five-straight losses this season. With six interceptions to his 11 passing touchdowns, Manley connects often with sophomore wideout Austin Franklin to spearhead the Aggie attack. Franklin has caught seven touchdown passes this season and aver-

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**AGGIES KERWYNN WILLIAMS AND TRAVIS REYNOLDS** strut the sidelines of Merlin Olsen Field at Romney Stadium with a victory over New Mexico State on Saturday. **CURTIS RIPPLINGER** photo

## HOCKEY

# Undefeated USU hosts Sun Devils

BY SEAN O'SULLIVAN  
staff writer

Some students may not know it, but the Utah State club hockey team is off to a 6-0 start, winning six straight road games against tough competition. The Aggies opened the year playing two games against a recharged Weber State team, which is currently sitting in third place in its division. The only two teams ahead of the Wildcats are the undefeated Aggies in second and Dallas Baptist University in first. Weber State's explosive offense has outscored their opponents by 15 goals so far this year.

However, USU won the two games by a combined score of 7-2.

The Aggies then went on a three-game road trip to Colorado to play Denver University, Colorado State University and Colorado University in three straight nights. These three historically-tough teams were each handed a loss at the hands of the Aggies — the only other time in school history when USU went into Colorado and beat all three teams was last year.

"To go 3-0 was a huge confidence boost for us," said head coach Jon Eccles.

The game against Colorado State especially stood out to

Eccles.

"That was probably our best game of the year," Eccles said. "We really just had 60 minutes of all around, hard-working hockey."

Utah State ended their road swing with a 9-0 thumping of BYU, even though a few of the Aggies' key players sat out of the game.

The Aggies had a few new names who contributed at a high level during the road trip, with forward Chris Videto leading the way. He had five goals in five games for the Aggies.

"Chris Videto did a great job," said senior forward Matt Hamilton. "His net presence is

the best I've seen in four years since being here. He definitely stepped it up."

Battling through the first six games was key for the Aggies, and they are now able to enjoy five straight home games.

"We won those six games," said captain Brian Gibbons. "We played really well all six games. I think it's a big momentum builder going into this weekend."

The two games this week are pivotal. The Aggies will face the only team to beat them in the regular season last year: Arizona State University.

"ASU was our first and only

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## MOUNTAIN BIKING

# Aggie duo takes on nation in N.M.

BY JORDAN DAHL  
staff writer

Many students in their youth might have had dreams of racing on bicycles, using playing cards or soda cans to make the sound of a motorcycle. For some Utah State students, including Aggie cyclers Kodey Myers and Joan Meiners, the dream of racing on bikes has become reality — a reality still just as fun as any childhood fantasy.

Myers and Meiners are the lone representatives from USU heading to Angel Fire Resort in Angel Fire, N.M., this week for the 2012 Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships. Both riders are excited and ready to meet the challenge.

"This is both of our first times at mountain bike nationals," Meiners said. "We're coming from more of a road biking background, so we keep up on the smoother sections. We're going to see what we can do to

tackle the rockier sections."

Angel Fire Resort is a ski resort at more than 8,600 feet in elevation. The short track cross-country race will be especially demanding for Myers, considering the rules of the race.

"Lapped riders will get pulled, or even riders who are in danger of being lapped," Myers said. "Last year out of the 76 men riders only nine did not get pulled. So if it's the same course as last year, it's going to be a battle to not get pulled, or just to finish."

Myers is one of several riders from the USU cycling team returning this year after having a successful 2011-12 season. He and the rest of the team competed at the collegiate nationals event in road cycling in Ogden, Utah in May. His success has come fairly quickly.

"I got my first bike about two-and-a-half years ago or so, and then in the spring of 2011 I joined the cycling club and went down

to the Tour Del Sol in St. George and raced there," Myers said. "I got hooked and have done pretty much every race on the calendar since then."

Myers was part of the USU men's team time trial that took 14th place at nationals, finishing five minutes ahead of the University of Utah and 10 minutes ahead of Weber State. He also competed in the road race and the criterium, which is a shorter race with many laps around a track less than a mile in length.

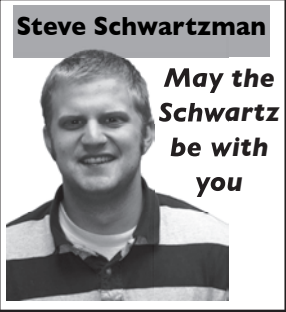
"I didn't do as good as I had wanted to in the criterium, but I did bounce back and do a lot better in the road race," he said.

Joan Meiners was the lone USU female cyclist participating in nationals. She competed in both the road race and the criterium, finishing in the top third of more than sixty women on both days of racing. She is

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# Wagner cementing his place in Seahawks family



May the Schwartz be with you

The funniest thing has happened in the Andersen Era of U t a h S t a t e University football: The local team has

in one harmonious way or another become a family.

This may be why USU fans have lately taken results to games, events and accomplishments in such a passionate way. Big wins seem momentous and tough losses come off as devastating with this squad and for a great reason.

They are not merely football players. They are big brothers and cousins — gridiron relatives. These guys have become community and family, and we like to believe we experience things just as they do.

With that in mind, the personal successes of players past and present tend to mean something to us. We spent years watching players learn and grow, becoming iconic figures in Cache Valley lore, and then they are off to the land of bigger, better and prone to a world of happiness.

We call this land professional football.

This land is a place in which we aren't used to seeing too much of those who wore our colors, so when we do, we thrive in seeing their successes like we would a brother or sister who has gone on to serve the family well. If ever we lived one of those proud moments as Aggie fans, we certainly did this last Sunday.

His name is Bobby Wagner, a graduate of Colony High School in Ontario, Calif. A brief standout and all-state player, Wagner shockingly only received one offer for collegiate competition, from Utah State.

The rest of Wagner's Aggie life is history to us. We remember the plays, the moments, the energy, the fumbles and overtime interceptions, and especially the second round of the 2012 NFL Draft.

Wagner needed a home and the Seattle Seahawks needed a line-backer, so they took our boy. It was

a moment heard around the valley. Just a day before finding out our other local favorite Robert Turbin was heading to the same team and the people of Logan, Utah, had just found their resident football team.

Just like that our guy had a home, and we couldn't be more proud of one of our big brothers. Flash forward several workouts, a curious preseason and a few eventful games to this Sunday. Nobody can quite conclude exactly what Wagner had for breakfast for that morning, or what was playing in his iPod, but something about the way he started his day sent him a good sign. A very good sign.

A flooring 14 tackles worth of a good sign.

That wasn't an exaggeration — 14 tackles. That's more than three per quarter against an offense that was supposed to be the Ivy League of professional football, led by a quarterback in Tom Brady who was considered a godsend.

Wagner helped quiet the godsend, at least enough for the Seahawks to squeak out a close victory against a team most analysts claim had no business lacing up against them. It was a glorious Sunday in the Wagner home indeed.

You have to know Wagner was ecstatic, and you can be sure the Seahawks were as well. But along with them were thousands of Aggie hopefuls in Cache Valley who saw a hope and a future in what was once a waning program thanks to a believing coach, a rhinoceros of a running back and a southern California standout who made huge noise at Romney Stadium and — for hopefully not the last time — a smorgasbord of tackles against the NFL's self-proclaimed Goliath.

Perhaps he won't play on the same level in the next weeks, or maybe he goes off like we know he can. Whatever the means, we know we'll be there hoping and waiting. Family just works that way.

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AGGIE QUARTERBACK CHUCKIE KEETON prepares to hand off a ball in Romney Stadium earlier this season. CURTIS RIPPLINGER photo

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ages 17.7 yards per reception. The 6-foot-2 Dallas, Texas, native has already put up 742 yards this year.

“We recruited Austin Franklin and we know all about him,” Andersen said. “He is a good kid, a good football player and that is definitely their go-to guy. You have got to try and equalize him. He is going to get his touches because he is the centerpiece of that offense.”

The ground game is another story for New Mexico State. The NMSU offense averages a meager 85 yards rushing, more than 10 yards fewer than Utah State usually allows.

USU opponents have scored an average of about 12 points per game, compared to NMSU's average of 24 points scored.

“On the offensive side of the football, they have some good receivers,” Andersen said. “They want to throw the ball first without a question and that is their mindset. They do a nice job of getting the ball out on time and getting it out quickly.”

Offensively, Utah State should have no problems moving the ball. New Mexico State opponents rack up an average of 441 yards per game.

The USU duo of sophomore quarterback Chuckie Keeton and senior running back Kerwynn Williams should have little trouble making big plays against a weak defense in front of a home crowd.

Andersen said it will be interesting to see how the NMSU defense reacts to Keeton's ability to extend plays under pressure with his feet.

“They like to change it up and show you some different fronts, so it is a difficult defense,” Andersen said. “It will be a little bit different for us to be able to prepare for and again the pressure that they bring, pressure in a lot of different ways from a lot of different spots.”

The receiving duo of seniors Matt Austin and Chuck Jacobs will pose a big threat for the NMSU secondary. The two have combined for eight receiving touchdowns this season and are capable of breaking a big gain on any play.

“We want to get in a position to contend and play and win a WAC Championship,” Andersen said.

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## Meet the Challenge



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Utah State playmakers

New Mexico State playmakers

QB Chuckie Keeton	15 TD	QB Andrew Manley	11 TD
RB Kerwynn Williams	8 TD	WR Austin Franklin	7 TD
WR Matt Austin	4 TD	RB Tiger Powell	4 TD
WR Chuck Jacobs	4 TD	RB Germi Morrison	1 TD

# MOUNTAIN: USU vs USA

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looking forward to doing even better this season.

“I'm looking forward to both the collegiate mountain bike and road bike seasons this year,” she said. “I'll finally get to take full advantage of being here and racing with our team, and it's really exciting that the Collegiate Road Nationals event is being held in Ogden, Utah again this year.”

Collegiate cycling is different from other sports in one major aspect: Professional riders are allowed to compete alongside amateurs. Riding with this high level competition is a great opportunity for younger cyclists to test their skills with some of the best in the sport.

Former cycling club president David Clyde said the team is looking very promising this year, not only in the mountain

biking discipline this fall but also in the cyclocross and road bike styles later this season.

“We have high hopes for this year's nationals,” said Clyde, who was club president for the last three years. “We only lost one member from our team last year, and we gained a lot of new talent.”

Clyde is not racing with the team this year because of personal reasons, but he is handing over the reins to Myers, who hopes he can lead the team to even greater achievements in the coming season and have a little fun with it at the same time.

“I bought a little bell to put on my handlebars a little while ago,” Myers said. “I like to ring it sometimes while riding in the peloton and it seems to bring some humor and lighten up the mood of everyone.”

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# HOCKEY: ASU comes to Logan

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loss last year in the regular season, and for the guys returning it's kind of left a bad taste in the mouth, so it's pretty big,” Gibbons said.

The games should be very physical with a lot of hitting and strong defensive play.

“I think they're kind of similar to us — they're a hard working team,” Gibbons said. “They have a few skill guys, and they like to throw the body around a bit. But I think that we're ready to go. I think we're going into the weekend with confidence, and we're going to play well this weekend.”

Aggie fans can be sure the team will be coming out Thursday night with a

lot of fire. The sense of revenge mixed with the enthusiasm of the home crowd should make for an entertaining game.

The Aggies will face Arizona State University Thursday and Friday night at the George S. Eccles Ice Center in North Logan. Puck drop is set for 7:00 pm. Cost of admission is \$4 for Thursday and \$5 for Friday.

“It's going to be amazing,” Hamilton said. “Home crowds here are the best in the west, probably the best in the entire league. The fans are what make our team so good. Hopefully the roof blows off tomorrow.”

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INTRAMURALS

# Boo-Yah, Team Jesse Parker take intramural titles

BY JORDAN DAHL  
staff writer

The fall season of volleyball intramurals concluded in a dramatic fashion Wednesday night at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

### Boo-Yah 3, Blackout 1

After a four-set thriller which saw both teams scraping and diving all over the court, team Boo-Yah won the women's intramural volleyball championship match in a nail-biting four-set match over Blackout.

The Boo-Yahs raced to a quick two-set lead, 25-22 and 25-19, but lost the third set 9-15 before closing out the victory with a 20-18 win in the fourth.

"It feels great," said Boo-Yah outside hitter Dixie Loveless.

"We've played intramurals for three years now and won four times, so it's good."

The Spectrum provided an opportunity for the teams to play on a full-size court, making the game that much more challenging and giving the players a fun conclusion to the season.

"It's super quiet in the Spectrum when there's nobody here," said Hailey Summers, a Boo-Yah senior majoring in mechanical engineering. "Our key was just to stay loud. It was fun playing here."

### Jesse Parker 3, Boo-Yah 2

Despite a game-delaying power outage at the Spectrum, Team Jesse Parker dominated the final set to win the intra-



**AGGIE STUDENT VOLLEYBALLERS** Dixie Loveless of Boo-Yah, above, and senior Katelin Robins of Team Jesse Parker, right, play in their respective intramural volleyball championship games in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum on Wednesday. *CURTIS RIPPLINGER photo*

mural co-ed volleyball championship over Wednesday night.

Team Jesse Parker defeated Boo-Yah 25-23, 22-25, 15-8, 14-16, 15-5.

The lights turned off in the Spectrum during a fourth-set run by The Parkers, but it wasn't enough to take away their moxie.

Led by KC Sorensen, whose hand-blistering spikes and stone-wall blocks gave his team a huge lift, Team Jesse Parker overcame its mistakes and sealed the championship in the decisive fifth set.

"Playing with the lights on," said the junior majoring in biology when asked what the key to closing out the game was. "We've been here before and we'll be here again."

The game had its moments

of back-and-forth play, with each team scoring in spurts.

Team Jesse Parker had just enough in the tank when it mattered most.

"We were just playing hard and as a team," said Katelin Robins, a senior majoring in FCHD. "We've taken second before and that wasn't going to happen again. We won in the spring, but came back for more in the fall."

Robins said she plans to wear her championship T-shirt often.

"I'll probably wear it tomorrow," Robins said.

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## Breaking down the WAC: this week's predictions

*Last week was an abysmal week for Statesman picks. This week should go much better. Don't forget our bonus picks at the end — we feel you will enjoy what we have to say about the other teams in the state.*

### San Jose State at UTSA

No offense to UTSA and its 5-1 record over a bunch of FCS teams, but there's no way San Jose State is going to lose two WAC games in a row.

We still believe the Spartans are as good as everyone thought before getting spanked by our Aggies and as such should thoroughly fertilize the San Antonio turf with what's left of the Roadrunners after this one.

### NMSU at Utah State

It's the Aggie bowl again, but this year's contest will be decided by a much larger margin than last year's game, which needed a last-minute touchdown pass from Adam Kennedy to Matt Austin to seal victory for Utah State.

We're just grateful Gary Andersen ended up in Logan instead of DeWayne Walker — who we have the utmost respect for, by the way. Let's be honest, no one really wants to be the one to try and turn NMSU's program around.

### Idaho at Louisiana Tech

Before we predict this game, we'd like to take a moment of silence for Louisiana Tech's BCS busting campaign.

It truly is a blow to the WAC.

Now then, this one is as much of a no-brainer as the Aggie bowl. The only way the Vandals are going to escape Ruston, La., with a victory is if they can somehow find a high-

powered offense to play for them — Idaho's defense would probably give up 50 points to La. Tech if they were good anyway.

### Weber State at SUU

Hey look, in-state teams aren't done playing against each other yet.

At the risk of offending our Ogden brothers, we're picking SUU — There's no way we're picking against Cody Larsen, even if our editor hadn't written a feature about him earlier this season.

Southern Utah is just the better team, even with a 3-3 record. Weber State hasn't won a game since Nov. 19 of last season, and we don't think it will start anytime soon.

### BYU at No. 5 Notre Dame

We feel like this football series should be called the Holy War, even if it's not played as often as the the biggest rivalry in the state. It just fits better.

Anyway, the Irish should roll in this game. The football fans in us would like to see the BYU defense shut down Theo Riddick and the Notre Dame offense, but the true-Aggie in us wants to see the Catholics beat the Mormons in this one.

### Utah at No. 8 Oregon State

We're not sure what's more surprising: that Utah is 2-4, or that the Utes are winless halfway through the season where they were predicted to win the Pac-12 South.

We would like to see our Salt Lake brothers pull this one out — since way too many USU students are closet Ute fans anyway — but we don't see the Beavers getting upset this weekend.

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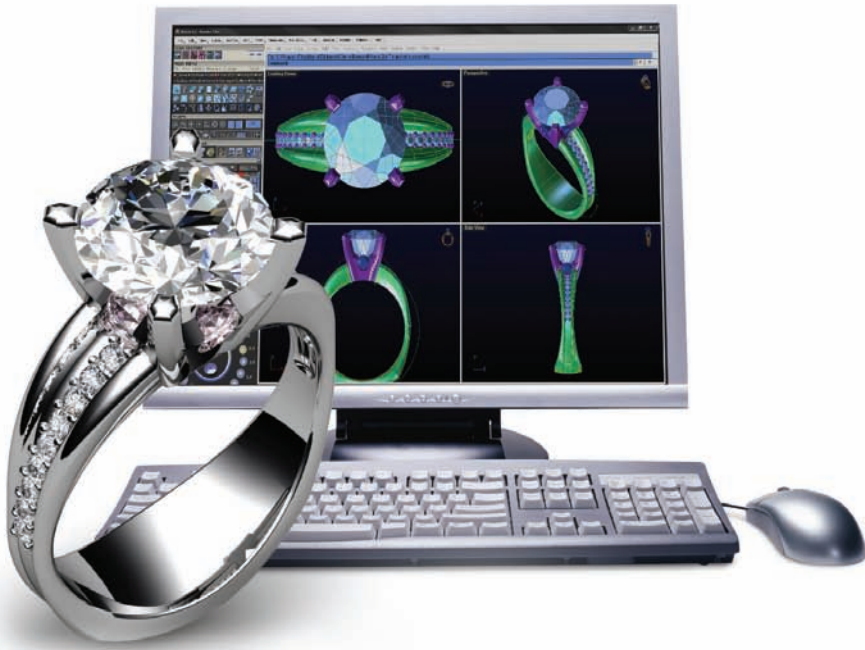
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## Social media show political ignorance

After the debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney on Tuesday night, some of our editors hopped onto Facebook to see what friends and family were saying. They can honestly say they expected what they saw.

### Our View

An Editorial Opinion

Captioned images littered our news feeds, mostly featuring ad-hominem remarks about the candidates, quotes taken out of context and questionable infographics from pages like “For America,” “American Patriots” and “Freedom Patriots for Patriotic Freedom of American Patriots.”

There were a few statuses that read, “Enjoyed the debate,” or, “Interesting debate,” but that was about it. Simply put, there was very little in terms of political thought on Facebook.

The candidates really didn’t present themselves in a way deserving of intelligent conversation. They avoided questions and flat-out lied on some occasions. However, both seemed rather fired up as they answered — well, skirted around — their questions.

So who won? Nobody. Not Obama, not Romney and not the American people. Nobody won the debate on Tuesday.

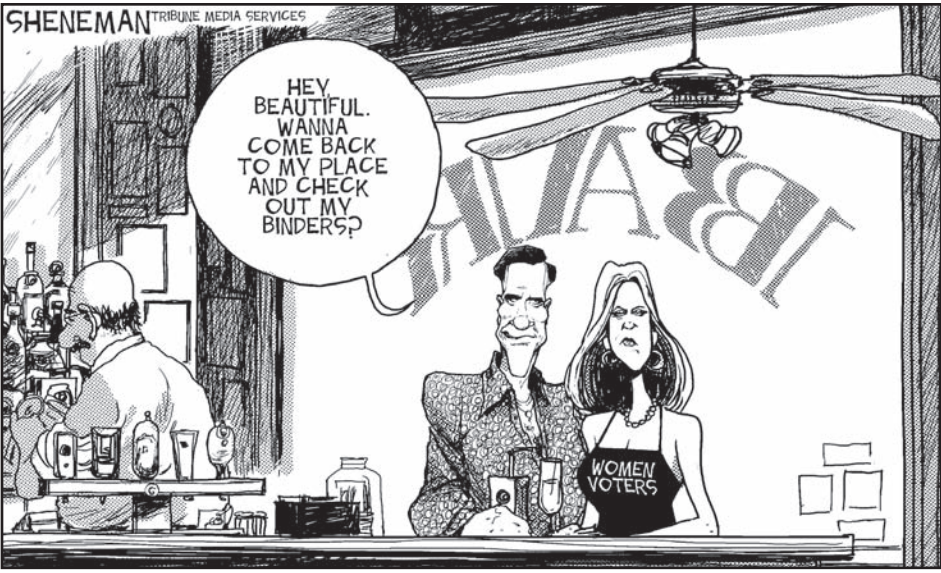
Politics should inspire rational thought and intelligent conversation. Politics are supposed to help people develop a worldview based on what is fact and what is complete fiction. Politics are supposed to be taken seriously, as they determine the direction our nation will take for the next four years and beyond.

And what came out of the debate? Memes of Bill Clinton asking where he can find a “binder full of women.”

We complain that our candidates and political system are corrupt and broken, yet what do we do about it? We encourage our politicians’ bad behavior. We don’t write our representatives anymore, we don’t attend important political meetings and events and we don’t even know what bills are being passed. All we do is post crappy memes.

Candidates can get away with saying nothing of value at debates because they know the public will eat it up. Do you want our politicians to get smart? Then we need to get smart.

Democracy is only as effective as the people who run it — us — and if this is the case, then America won’t be the land of the free forever.



## Forum Letters

Letters to the editor • A public forum

### Bishop shouldn’t shush students

To the editor:

As a political science major, I was very excited to attend a question-and-answer session given by Rob Bishop at Utah State last Thursday. As a graduate of the high school he taught at, I had heard many wonderful things about the congressman, and I was interested to hear what his plans were for this troubling political time. I assure you that there is no topic of partisan politics that has ever stirred me to offense or anger: yet I left Representative Bishop’s speech feeling thoroughly offended and disheartened for the future of our state and our country. There were, in this Q-and-A session, various Bishop supporters, who used their question time to

compliment him. This he graciously accepted.

However, there was one young college student who asked him a very relevant question about land rights in the state of Utah. It was clear to me that this issue was a matter of great concern to the student, and that he had attended in hopes of expressing that concern. Bishop used all the power of his rhetoric to undermine the validity of the student’s question, and then attempted to move on to the next question without a hint of respect for the student. The student spoke again, trying, in vain, to be heard. This is where I take great offense. In a moment of unrestrained frustration, Bishop waved his hand at the young man, and condescendingly shouted, “Shh!” This behavior in a political representative is unacceptable.

Representative Bishop, the man who represents

our voice in Washington, has the arrogance to not only demean, but silence the voice of one of his constituents. Representatives should not tell us what to think. They must listen to what we think, and then make decisions on how to represent those thoughts. In this nation, that student is equal in importance to every person under our flag. His opinion, whether Bishop agreed or not, should have been heard, and responded to with respect. There are no exceptions to this rule. Silencing a person’s voice is not the action of a representative: It is the action of a dictator.

I am disheartened by his display of arrogance and superiority. I simply cannot vote for a representative that silences his people’s voice.

Jason Whitaker



## Statistics don’t tell whole story of new LDS policy

### Callista Cox

USU forum: a fresh look at campus topics

I don’t normally respond to newspaper articles from the opinion column, and for one reason: opinions are just that: opinions. Responding to someone’s opinion with your own has about .001 percent of changing the other person’s mind. It is an irreversible fact of life that everyone is free to think however they choose about whatever they like, and frankly, that is a wonderful thing.

However, it’s when people try and use statistics to support their opinion of why something is right or wrong that I become confused.

Liz Emery’s article, “Why the missionary age change?” offered plenty of statistics that apparently try and “prove” that the LDS Church is losing members. I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and frankly it doesn’t matter to me how many members my church has or does not have. What matters to me is that my faith is a part of me that influences my daily decisions. It motivates me to do the best I can to be a good person in this wacky world we all live in. Numbers are just numbers, not doctrine. However, I would like to point out that Emery’s statistics, like many facts in life, should be taken with a grain of salt.

The LDS Church in Mexico over the past two decades alone has achieved significant growth — the number of LDS church members there has more than doubled from half a million to 1.23 million, the number of LDS stakes from 106 to 223, and the number of LDS congregations from 1,133 to 2,000. The number of LDS temples is steadily increasing worldwide

as more are announced nearly every year. Two new temples in Africa were announced last October in Durban, South Africa and Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Church doesn’t spend its money on building temples where there is no demand for them — temples are built to accommodate the number of church members in the area. That fact is plain to see from the number of LDS temples in Utah alone. In countries all over the world, membership in the Church is increasing in some and decreasing in others, but the fact remains that the Church influences people to do good wherever it is found.

Which brings me to my next point. Emery seems to be confused as to what the purpose of a mission is. Missionaries don’t go out into the world hoping to acquire as many new converts as they can. They go to serve people, hence the phrase “serving” a mission. Emery also says that going on a mission “prevents them from being exposed to the real world.” Saying that missionaries don’t learn anything about other cultures while they’re abroad just because they are there to share their beliefs is like saying I’m not going to learn anything about Irish culture when I study abroad in Limerick next year just because I am only going to be studying history at my host university.

Another point Emery brings up is that serving a mission “empowers 18 year-olds to believe they have all the answers when they don’t.” I am confused as to where she gets some of her assumptions. Missionaries don’t have all the answers. We as Mormons believe that God does, which is what any Christian church teaches. In fact, another reason people serve missions is to learn more about their faith than they knew before — ask any returned missionary who put forth all the effort they could during

their service and they will tell you how their mission changed them for the better. As to keeping youth out of college for two years and decreasing their chances of getting scholarships, I only have this to say: how is choosing to give up two years of your life in order to give service to people and to your faith a bad thing? In fact, adding information to your resume about giving service for two years for your church is good, because potential employers are impressed by people who show a willingness to give service abroad for so long, especially while they are so young.

Saying the Church is “desperate to keep up appearances” is also confusing statement. As for me, I don’t have anything to prove by being a member of the Church. What I do have are brothers and sisters all across the world who share my faith: Latter-day Saints in Ireland and Italy who don’t drink alcohol because their faith is more important to them than impressing their peers, Latter-day Saints in Japan who give up the only day off they have during their week to spend it in church, Latter-day Saints in Kenya who spend up to six hours on a bus to go to the temple.

Emery uses a lot of statistics to support her argument, and I commend her for doing so much research just to prove how angry she is with the LDS Church. However, the strength of the Church does not lie in its membership numbers. It lies in the ordinary people who try their best to live by their faith, wherever they are in the world.

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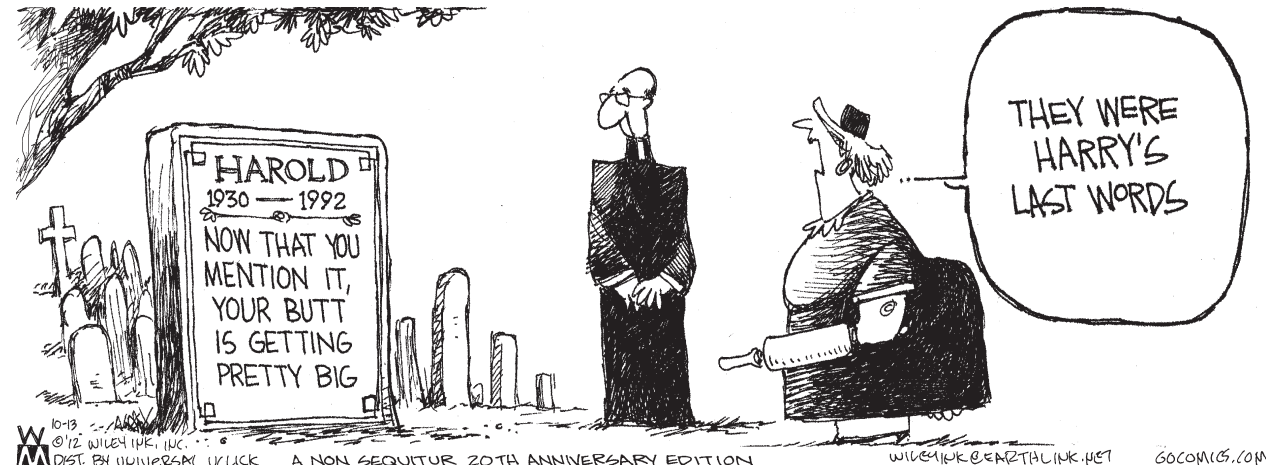
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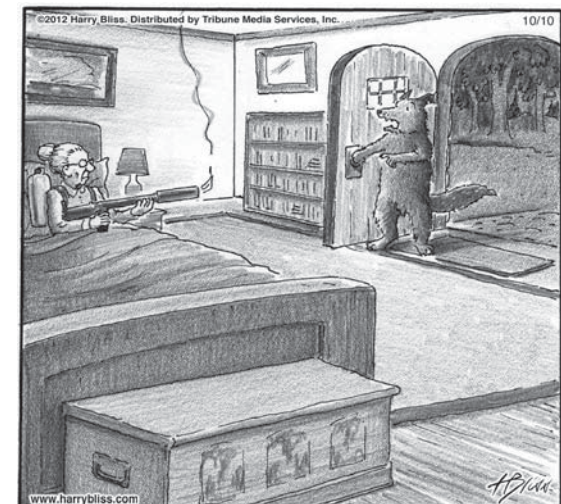
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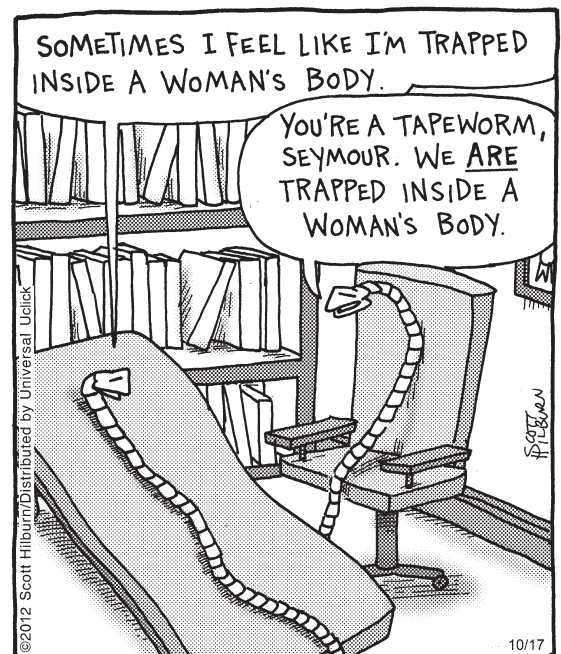
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## CrossWord Puzzler

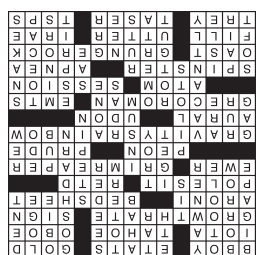
**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Hip-hop fan  
5 Les \_\_\_-Unis  
10 Olympian's goal  
14 Smidgen  
15 Chevy Blazer, now  
16 Orchestral wind  
17 "One to four inches per day, for bamboo  
19 Endorse, in a way  
20 Rice-\_\_\_  
21 Toga party costume  
23 Take part in a 1920s fad  
26 Like a prof. emeritus  
27 Big pitcher  
28 "Noted scythe bearer  
33 Lowly laborer  
34 Goody two shoes  
35 "1973 Thomas Pynchon novel  
41 Concerning the ears  
42 Japanese noodle  
43 "Wrestling style that forbids holds below the waist  
46 First responders, briefly  
50 Cyclotron input  
51 Meeting  
53 Eleanor Rigby, for one  
57 Snorer's problem, perhaps  
58 Hops drier  
59 "Pearl Jam genre  
62 Attend to, as a job opening  
63 Come out with  
64 Wrath, in a hymn title  
65 "South Park" co-creator Parker  
66 Nonlethal weapon  
67 Recipe amts.

**DOWN**

1 Oaf  
2 Take for a time  
3 "Becker" star  
4 No page-turner  
5 Ordinal suffix  
6 Roofer's goo  
7 Obsessed fictional captain  
8 For the full nine months  
9 Garden apparatus  
10 Dad-blasted  
11 Drama award  
12 Theater section  
13 It might be pounded out  
18 "True dat," quaintly  
22 Do more than listen  
24 "\_\_\_ Around": Beach Boys hit  
25 "I'll be" setting  
29 "Recapitulating ..." title  
30 Pint seller  
31 Old Japanese capital  
32 Remote button  
33 Test showings  
35 Silence  
36 Robot play  
37 "Now We \_\_\_ Six": Milne  
38 Thoughtless way to stare  
39 Nutritional figs.  
40 First-class  
44 Lousy liquor  
45 Mobster's code of silence  
46 Lively wit  
47 They may have fake IDs  
48 Work boot feature  
49 Treacherous types  
52 Freelancer's encl.  
53 Like fuzzy slippers  
54 Poker holding  
55 Cruise destination  
56 Wearing routines  
60 Once known as  
61 Canine warning that the answers to starred clues have in common, initially



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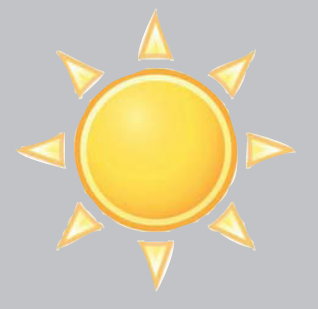
**Today is Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012.**  
Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Mariana Felix, a freshman from Philedelphia majoring in Dietetics.

Almanac

Today in History: On this day in 1867, the U.S. formally took possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than two cents an acre.

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# TheUSU Back Burner

## Thursday Oct 18

- Attend Friday Schedule
- USU Hockey vs. ASU. Eccles Ice Center, 7 p.m.
- Mindfulness Workshop, TSC 310 5-6 p.m.
- Microbial Fermentation: Development and Scale-up Training Program, BioTech Bldg 103
- Park City Mountain Resort Benefit Days Tickets, All Day Swaner EcoCenter
- E Pluribus Unum, Twain Tippetts Exhibition Hall 10-5 p.m.
- Hair Braiding for the Seed Foundation and AFSA, International Lounge 10-2 p.m.
- Stress Management and Wellness Workshop, TSC 310B 11:30-1 p.m.
- Pizza & Politics with UT Republican Party Chairman Thomas Wright Old Main 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Pizza & The Presidency, USU Alumnus Doug Foxley, Ag Science 101 6-7 p.m.

## Friday Oct 19

- Fall Break (No Classes)
- USU Hockey vs. ASU. Eccles Ice Center, 7 p.m.
- Aggie Game Night, 7-11:30 p.m. ENG 201
- Pass of All Passes College Student Special Offer, All Day
- Microbial Fermentation: Development and Scale-up Training Program, BioTech Bldg 103
- Park City Mountain Resort Benefit Days Tickets, All Day Swaner EcoCenter
- E Pluribus Unum, Twain Tippetts Exhibition Hall 10-5 p.m.
- Soccer vs. San Jose State, 3-5 p.m.
- USU Ropes Course-Date Night 4-6 p.m.
- Chinese Christian Fellowship ENG 203 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Celtic Hallows Eve, Ellen Eccles Theater 7:30-9 p.m.

## Saturday Oct 20

- Cache Valley Gardeners' Market
- Football vs. New Mexico State, Romney Stadium, 1 p.m.
- Celtic Hallows Eve, Ellen Eccles Theater 7:30-9 p.m.

## Monday Oct 22

- USU Service Center Free Community Halloween Carnival, Service Center 6-8p.m.
- Presidential Debate & Pizza, TSC Auditorium 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Live Music at Caffe Ibis featuring the **Free Range String Band**. This duo is going on an impromptu tour/trunk show with their music, playing old time and country. Don't miss the chance to see these guys from 4:45-6:45 p.m. Oct. 19 at 52 Federal Ave. in Logan.

Guitarist extraordinaire **Kris Krompel** will blow you away with his talent. Come see him from 12-2 p.m. Oct. 21 at 52 Federal Ave. in Logan.

Come in your costume and encounter **ghosts, goblins and other ghastly beings** along a 1.5 mile route through the shadowy streets of Hyrum City and Hyrum State Park. Register online at <http://stateparks.utah.gov> by Oct. 19 for this first-ever haunted walk/run to benefit the Friends of Hyrum State Park and enjoy all the pre and post race activities free with your registration fee.

Swaddle yourself in sustainable warmth this winter with **upcycled-t-shirt scarves** from 10-12 p.m. on Oct. 20. Bring some of your unused t-shirts in fun colors or patterns, and take home a new collection of winter accessories. A great, fun way to spoil yourself, or get a jump start on your holiday gifts. For more information or to register call Stokes Nature Center at 435-755-3239 or email [nature@logannature.org](mailto:nature@logannature.org).

Come watch the **final Presidential Debate** and eat some pizza, Oct. 22 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the TSC Auditorium. See what your fellow students are thinking and enjoy a night of presidents, politics, and pizza.

The second annual **Food Day Celebration** will be Oct. 24. This is a tasty celebration of healthy, affordable, sustainable food. Come learn how to eat real, year round, on a budget. Check out booths, enjoy cooking demos by top USU chefs, local food information tables, food

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samples, and more. Join us that evening at the USTAR building on the Innovation Campus for Food Day Flavors: A Tasting Event. This is an opportunity to sample simple and delicious foods created from local products. All events are free.

Come join the **USU Zombie Chase** for Charity 5K on Oct. 27. Humans will start at 2 p.m. to try & get to the finish before the Zombies, who start at 2:01p.m. pull their flag. The new USU campus course starting at 1498 N 800 East. Proceeds will go to CASI Foundation, a qualified 501(c)(3) charity & the Student Chosen Scholarship for the EEJ College of Education and Human Services.

The **USU Symphony Orchestra** presents "Capriccio Espagnol" with the Cache Children's Choir and Deborah Baker Monday on Oct. 26 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, located 725 S. 250 E. in Hyde Park at 7:30 p.m. This annual fall concert is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, early arrival is recommended.

*More Calendar and FYI listings, Interactive Calendar and Comics at*

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[www.utahstatesman.com](http://www.utahstatesman.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Friday, October 19*

**Soccer vs. SJSU**

**@ 2:00pm**

*Saturday, October 20*

**Football vs. New Mexico State**

**@ 1:00pm**

*Free admission for students*